

April 22, 2008

**MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
LOCAL/STATE BOARD FACILITIES HEARING No. 2 REPORT**

A Local/State public hearing was held at the Martin County Board of Education office on April 22, 2008, at 6:00 pm (local time). The purpose of the public hearing was to propose a new District Facility Plan developed by the Martin County Local Planning Committee. The Local Planning Committee (LPC) on February 25, 2008 voted 11-2 in favor of the proposed new plan and the Board on March 11, 2008 voted 3-0 to approve the new plan.

There were (10) ten individuals in attendance at the hearing exclusive of the hearing officer. Dr. Michael W. Kessinger, Assistant Superintendent, served as the locally-appointed hearing officer. In attendance were the superintendent, five board members, two members of the LPC, and two district employees.

COMMENTS

The Chairman of the Board called the public hearing to order and turned the meeting over to the hearing officer. The hearing officer outlined the purpose of the hearing and the hearing procedures in accordance with 702 KAR 1:001. It was explained that those persons wishing to speak would be given the opportunity and that written statements would be accepted. It was also noted that all considerations will be made available to the Kentucky Board of Education via the hearing officer's report. The hearing officer read the proposed new District Facility Plan that includes: **(a) the reorganization of the district to a PS-6, 7-8, 9-12 school organization; (b) renovation of the existing Inez Middle School into a 700-capacity, 9-12 secondary facility; (c) consolidation of two middle schools into a central middle school housing 7th and 8th graders to be located at the current Warfield Middle School building; (d) leaving all 6th graders at their respective elementary schools; (e) adding 3 classrooms to Eden Elementary; (f) adding three (3) classrooms and a cafeteria to Inez Elementary and Warfield Elementary School; (g) renovating and/or making additions to the Martin County Area Technology Center; (h) District White Board initiative—providing fixed active boards and projectors in all classrooms district-wide along with wireless student interactive devices; (i) construction of a new central office facility; and (j) discretionary construction projects of (1) minor renovation to include lighting at the football field, baseball, and softball fields and (2) construction of baseball and softball fields.**

The floor was opened to those who wished to make a statement. No one made a public statement that was entered into the record. The hearing officer addressed a suggestion from a community member to place a physical education classroom instead of a cafeteria at Inez Elementary and Warfield Elementary. This would allow for space in which multiple physical education classes could be held, create an area for recreational activities after school hours and would eliminate problems associated with trying to tie a new cafeteria to the existing kitchen area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the new District Facility Plan developed by the Martin County Local Planning Committee and adopted by the Martin County Board of Education be approved as the District Facility Plan for the Martin County School District. A copy of the new plan is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Dr. Michael W. Kessinger, Hearing Officer

Timothy K. Lucas, KDE

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Planning File

Attachments: Local/State Board Public Hearing Agenda
Martin County School District Facility Plan